

**Amendments To The Claims**

The listing of claims presented below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of claims:**

1.     **(currently amended)** A hearing aid comprising:  
  
        a digital ITE (In-The-Ear) type hearing aid cell including a digital amplifier, a ~~microphone~~ **front microphone**, and a receiver in one healthy ear; and  
  
        an ear cell including a **rear** microphone in the other troubled ear,  
  
        wherein the digital hearing aid cell and the ear cell are connected via **three** external electric wires, **the three external electric wires comprising signal, electric power, and ground wires, to adjust a time delay parameter and thus** ~~to thereby~~ enhance a directional performance of the hearing aid.
  
- 2-3.   **(canceled)**